

THE IOWA POLL

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809 Iowa adults
Margin of error: ± 3.4 percentage points

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Weighted by age and sex

What about here in Iowa? Do you think things in the state are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
56	34	10

I'm going to mention some elected officials. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling his job. **(Rotate list.)**

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Terry Branstad as governor	58	32	10

Now, I'm going to mention some people who are being talked about as possible candidates for governor in 2014. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough to answer, just say so. **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Terry Branstad, governor of Iowa	20	34	19	17	10
Jack Hatch, a state senator	2	7	6	3	82
Tom Vilsack, former governor of Iowa	17	31	19	15	18
Chet Culver, former governor of Iowa	11	23	21	20	25
Tyler Olson, a state representative and chair of the Iowa Democratic Party	3	10	9	6	72

Now, I'm going to mention some people considering running for Tom Harkin's U.S. Senate seat. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough to answer, just say so. **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
David Young, an aide to Senator Grassley	4	13	5	4	74
Joni Ernst, a state senator	1	6	3	2	88
Matt Whitaker, a former U.S. attorney	2	8	5	3	82
Bruce Braley, U.S. Congressman	9	20	8	6	57

How likely is it you will vote in the 2014 general election for governor, U.S. senator and other offices—will you definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

69	Definitely vote
16	Probably vote
7	Might or might not vote
7	Probably not vote
1	Refused/not sure

If the election for Iowa governor were held today, and the candidates were [TERRY BRANSTAD FOR THE REPUBLICANS/JACK HATCH FOR THE DEMOCRATS], for whom would you vote—[BRANSTAD OR HATCH] or for someone else? (Rotate candidate names. Based on likely voters in the 2014 general election; n=591. Margin of error: ± 4.0 percentage points.)

55 Terry Branstad
 27 Jack Hatch
 9 Someone else
 - Would not vote (VOL)
 9 Not sure

I'd like to ask about some actions the Iowa legislature took this year. First, it passed a bill that would increase teachers' starting salary and pay more to experienced teachers who take on leadership roles. Do you expect these changes to improve student achievement in Iowa a lot, a little, or will they likely not make a difference?

23 Improve a lot
 38 Improve a little
 35 Not make a difference
 4 Not sure

Second, the legislature passed a tax package that would lower taxes for commercial properties and cap future increases at three percent for residential and agricultural properties. It would also expand tax credits for low-income workers and give rebates of up to \$60 a year on state income-tax bills. State government will give reimbursement to local governments for most, but not all, of their lost revenue. For each of the following groups, please tell me if you think they came out of this agreement as more of a winner or more of a loser. (Rotate list, but D must always be last.)

	Winner	Loser	Not Sure
Businesses that own property	64	18	18
Cities and other local governments	49	29	22
The overall state economy	49	32	19
You personally	39	37	24

During the last legislative session, which of the following do you think did the best work on behalf of all Iowans? (Read list. Rotate.)

18 The Democrats in the legislature
 14 The Republicans in the legislature
 13 Governor Branstad
 40 All equally
 15 Not sure

About the poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted Jun. 2-5 for The Des Moines Register by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on interviews with 809 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers. Responses were adjusted by age and sex to reflect the general population based on recent Census data.

Questions based on the sample of 809 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.4 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or

age—have a larger margin of error. Results based on a subset of 591 likely voters in the 2014 general election have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.0 percentage points.

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